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FISCAL DEFICITS
GADDE RAMAMOHAN;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have taken some harsh decisions to control fiscal deficits in view of sharp rise in international oil price;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the position of fiscal deficits at present as compared to the last year?

Answer

FINANCE MINISTER (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA)

(a),(b)and (c)A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha StarredQuestion No. 84 by Shri Ram Mohan Gadde and Shri ShivajMane, M.P. regarding `Fiscal Deficits` for 24th November, 2000.

(a) and (b) The Government have taken a series of measures to control growth in non-plan, non-developmental expenditure which include: a mandatory 10 percent cut in the budgetary allocation for non-plan non-salary expenditure of all Ministries/Departments and autonomous institutions; a complete ban on purchase of new vehicles for one year; ten percent cut in the consumption and allocation of funds for expenditure on POL for staff cars; ban on creation of new posts for one year; ban on foreign travel for study tours, seminars etc.

(c) The gross fiscal deficit of the Central Government during the first six months of 2000-2001 (April-September) was Rs. 42,592 crore and was lower by 18.7 percent compared with a fiscal deficit of Rs. 52,395 crore in April-September last year.